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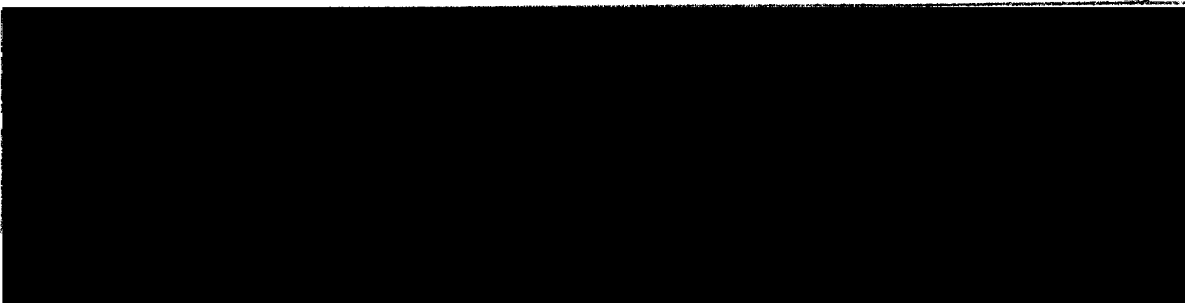
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1. The Fukien Military District, under the East China Military Area, is divided into the eight following sub-districts:

Chiensou (113-19, 27-04)
 Nanping (113-08, 26-39)
 Fuan (119-33, 27-04)
 Foochow (119-19, 26-05)
 Chinchiang (118-34, 24-54)
 Lungch'i (117-42, 24-32)
 Yungan (117-18, 25-56)
 Lungyen (117-02, 25-07)

These sub-districts correspond to special districts (Chuan Chu), which are formed for administrative purposes and control several hsien each. The special commissioner, who is the administrative chief, commands the military sub-district.

2. Every sub-district has a garrison regiment of 4,000 men, divided triangularly into battalions, companies, and units (Fen Tui), each of which has numerical designations. These forces serve full time and may be shifted from place to place.
3. In addition to the above forces, there are self-defense battalions (Tzu Wei Ta Tui) in each hsien which vary in size according to the size of the hsien. These battalions are divided into companies and village or town units (Fen Tui). These units serve full time. They take their designations from the name of the place in which they are stationed.
4. Poorly equipped local militia serve on a part-time basis.
5. Every hsien and city also has public security forces which act as police. There are no regular police units.
6. There are 32 companies of salt police scattered along the coast. Their primary duty is to guard the salt fields but they may also double as guards in the

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transfer of bank funds. Each company has 50 men, one light machine gun, three to four Mauser pistols, and Chinese 7.92 rifles. Each man has two hand grenades. All companies are under the central salt administration in Foochow. There is also a training class in Foochow, which lasts two months and takes one-third of the companies each time a new class begins.

7. There are no irregular units in Fukien other than those mentioned above. Such titles as "peace preservation" are general titles applied to any irregular unit engaged in guerrilla suppression or similar activity.

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